

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

October 29, 2014

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Henry Heimuller and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 Board meeting and October 22, 2014 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITORS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 10/27/14.
- (B) Ratify Personnel Action for Jan Greenhalgh, effective 11/1/14.

- (C) Order No. 48-2014, (To Hold Sheriff's Sale) "In the Matter of Directing the Sale of Real Property Acquired by Columbia County".
- (D) Order No. 51-2014, "In the Matter of Amending the County Fee Schedule for Process Service Fees".
- (E) Notice of Termination of Oil & Gas Lease Parcel #778 with Enerfin Northwest Limited Partnership.
- (F) Notice of Termination of Oil & Gas Lease Parcel #649 with Enerfin Northwest Limited Partnership.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE:**

Commissioner Hyde wanted to publicly recognize and thank staff for their hard work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board just recently received a letter from FEMA stating in part that....*"FEMA has approved the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a multi-jurisdictional local plan as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201. With approval of this plan, the following entities are now eligible to apply for the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act's hazard mitigation project grants through October 5, 2019: Columbia County and the cities of Clatskanie, Columbia City, Scappoose, St. Helens, Vernonia, Rainier and Prescott"*. Not only is this important as far as having a finalized/approved mitigation plan, it also allows us to now apply for grant funds to implement the plan. Additionally, we are now already in the que should we have a disaster in the next 5 years. Thanks again to our Emergency Management staff for a job well done.

#### **COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde commented on the grand opening of the Vernonia Health Center on Saturday. The previous center was wiped out in the flood of 1996. They rebuilt and was

wiped out again in 2007. They are now at a new location on higher ground. It's a beautiful facility and now open for business.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher met with a number of elected officials this past weekend and discussed different topics, why are some people paying the additional tax for the Jail levy while others are not. He explained that this is due to compression. He briefly explained how compression affects some areas property taxes. If you live in an area under compression and you won't be paying any additional taxes. If anyone needs further information on this, please contact the county.

He was in Salem on Monday for an AOC Leadership class. One of the topics discussed is the perception that elected officials can do a lot of things. In reality, people need to be aware that there are a number of restraints placed on officials.

**COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heimuller attended the 5 Area Senior luncheon in Vernonia this week. One of the discussion items was the Vernonia Senior Center. They are trying to find a new location for their store, meals, etc. as their current lease expires next February.

On Saturday, he attended the Kiwanis Children's Fair at the St. Helens High School. This is a great event for the family and brings in over a 1,000 people every year.

Windemere held their annual Masquerade Ball Saturday night. This is a rather quiet foundation that helps many around the county. The administrator of the South Chamber of Commerce, Linda McDougal, offered to donate her hair for a minimum bid of \$2,500, however the bid got to about \$4,100 so she shaved her head bald. This was in honor for her brother who is currently struggling with cancer. Hats off to her for doing that.

Commissioner Fisher also commented that this program has been a huge help to many over the years.

There was no Executive Session held.

With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner